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PATENT APPLICATION OF
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TITLE: 1 α -HYDROXYVITAMIN D₅,
ITS SYNTHESIS AND USE
IN CANCER PREVENTION
AND THERAPY

Group No. 1616

Examiner: Badio

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SUBMISSION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

Dear Assistant Commissioner:

In response to the Final Office Action of November 11, 2000, applicants offer the following remarks, and respectfully request reconsideration of this application.

REMARKS

Status of the Application

Claims 1-19 are pending. Claims 7-9 have been withdrawn from consideration as directed to a separate invention. Claims 1-6 and 10-19 stand rejected.

Section 103 Rejections

In the Final Office Action mailed November 11, 2000, the Examiner maintained her rejections of claims 1-6 and 10-19 under 35 USC § 103(a) over (1) Holick et al. ('538), (2) Holick et al. ('643), and Bishop et al. ('429). The Examiner also maintained